

target and the subject of violence by anti-abortion extremists. That physician was never contacted to voluntarily provide information before he received a subpoena.

Seven: The select panel is dangerous. Republicans are refusing to protect confidentiality despite known risks and tragedies, such as the murders of three people at the Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood women's health clinic. That murderer echoed the words of our Republican chairman of the select committee.

The killer used words like "no more baby body parts." Even after they promised to protect confidentiality, the committee said: We will not assure that witnesses' names or any of the other names used in the deposition will remain private.

Eight: The select panel is an abuse of power.

Republicans are abusing congressional subpoena power. The overwhelming majority of their unilateral subpoenas—30 of 36—have been sent without any effort to obtain voluntary compliance.

We should provide physicians, medical researchers, and others with an opportunity for them to provide information voluntarily. A subpoena should not be the first contact they have with Congress.

Nine: The select panel excludes Democrats.

Republicans have consistently refused to work with Democratic panel members. They have refused to discuss or to even give Democrats copies of their unilateral subpoenas until after they have been served, which is in violation of the House.

Ten: The select panel bullies witnesses they don't like.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, to end this panel right now.

#### THANK YOU, SENATOR BROWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Senator Dave Brown for serving in the Minnesota State Senate.

Senator Brown represents an area located in Minnesota's Sixth District, and I have enjoyed working with him on a variety of issues that are important to our constituents.

Senator Brown has worked on policy solutions in the fields related to commerce, education, and finance. However, his main area of expertise has been in promoting Minnesota energy.

Our district is home to the Sherco coal-fired power plant, which is responsible for hundreds of jobs as well as the abundance of energy it provides. During a time when Sherco's future was unclear and unstable, Senator Brown was a voice of reason that helped many to keep the plant open, allowing many Minnesotans to keep their jobs.

Thank you, Dave, for the work you have done for our community and for

Minnesota. I will miss working with you, but we wish you the best of luck in your next endeavor.

#### THANK YOU, SENATOR PEDERSON

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Senator John Pederson for his dedicated service to the St. Cloud area residents over the past 6 years.

John Pederson was born and raised in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and first served on the St. Cloud City Council in 2007. After 4 years on the City Council, John ran and won his seat in the Minnesota State Senate.

Throughout his time in the Minnesota legislature, Senator Pederson has shown his expertise in a variety of areas, but none more than in transportation. Like me, Senator Pederson understands that an intense focus on transportation in Minnesota's Sixth is crucial to relieving congestion, improving safety, increasing mobility, and fostering economic development in our State.

John, thank you for your time in serving the people of our great State.

#### THANK YOU, SENATOR ORTMAN

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Senator Julianne Ortman for her years of dedicated service in the Minnesota Senate.

Following her time in practicing law and as a county commissioner, Julianne Ortman was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2002. Her talent quickly became apparent as she rose to various leadership positions.

Senator Ortman served as an assistant minority leader during the 2007–2008 legislative session. During the 2011–2012 session, she served as deputy majority leader and as chairwoman of the Senate Tax Committee.

Of the many issues Senator Ortman championed, taxes, transportation, judiciary, and public safety were among her highest priorities. During her time as chairwoman of the Senate Tax Committee, the State government had a \$5 billion deficit, which it eventually managed to eliminate without raising taxes on hardworking Minnesotans, evidence of Senator Ortman's strong leadership.

Thank you, Julianne, for your service and for all that you have done for Minnesota. Thank you for your leadership.

#### THANK YOU, SENATOR JOHNSON

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Senator Alice Johnson for her dedication and service to the people of Minnesota.

Alice Johnson began her career as a public servant in the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1986. She served for 14 years before taking a brief break from the Minnesota legislature.

Alice again ran for office in 2012 and has served in the Minnesota Senate for the past 4 years, where she has served as vice chair for both the Education Finance and Policy Committees. After an incredible 18 years in public service, Senator JOHNSON deserves her well-earned retirement.

Thank you, Alice, for the time you have spent in working tirelessly on behalf of Minnesotans and in working to end the gridlock in politics. It is greatly appreciated.

#### THANK YOU, REPRESENTATIVE SANDERS

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my friend, Representative Tim Sanders, for the incredible work that he has done while serving in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Representative Sanders has served in the legislature for four terms, during which he has held various leadership positions. In the 2014 election, he was nominated to the position of assistant majority leader and has also served as chair of the Government Operations and Elections Committee.

I got to know Tim personally during my own time in the State legislature and have an enormous amount of respect for him. He has been a successful and passionate legislator, proven by the fact that a substantial number of his bills have actually been signed into law.

Thank you, Tim, for your service to our community and to our State. I know that you will continue to accomplish great things. I wish you nothing but happiness as you spend more time with Farrah and the kids.

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#### TAMMY LAMBERT'S STORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. JENKINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, West Virginians are struggling right now. Our State's unemployment rate is one of the highest in the Nation. Our coal mines are closing, and so are our schools and mom-and-pop businesses throughout our State.

There is a lot of uncertainty. Families are wondering how they will make ends meet without our coal jobs.

Tammy Lambert is from Raleigh County, and her family is one of those who are worried about her family's future. Her son-in-law is considering moving out of the State just to find work; her daughter doesn't know if she will have the money to finish college; and her husband's mine has gone through periods of being idled. She is a West Virginia coal voice. Here is what she said:

"My daughter has worked hard to get this far and was just beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Now, she may not be able to ever get that degree.

"It is a shame when young people who try can't get ahead. It is even sadder when a man who has worked as a coal miner for 36 years can't feel secure in his job."

What our families need is not just hope; they need jobs that give them a good paycheck.

We can make that happen in several ways. We can diversify our State's